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'WE SAID ENOUGH' CAMPAIGN

Harassment report has Capitol in turmoil

Apology issued: Eight years ago a legislator was quietly disciplined for assaulting a staffer, but continued his career

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SACRAMENTO » As California's political leaders scramble to restore trust in a system that many say protects perpetrators of sexual harassment instead of its victims, an explosive news report on Friday revealed that a current legislator — Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra — was secretly disciplined eight years ago after a legislative staffer accused him of groping her.

But the San Fernando Valley Democrat, then chief of staff to then-Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, kept his job and went on to run for office, endorsed by numerous legislators — including the woman's boss, disgraced former Sen. Ron Calderon.

The news broke as those involved in a nascent "We Said Enough" campaign — which this month circulated a letter signed by hundreds of Sacramento lobbyists, lawmakers and staffers, demanding an end to the mistreatment of women in politics — express frustration over

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A report on Friday revealed that Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra was secretly disciplined eight years ago after a staffer said he groped her.

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia: "You take those cues of who the institution is going to prioritize: 'Well, I guess politics matter more than human decency.'"

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker said she finds the idea of public hearings on harassment in the Assembly to be "an odd approach."

VENTURE CAPITAL

Startup accelerators seek valley diversity

Technology industry's white male dominance is increasingly under fire

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SAN FRANCISCO » Among the dozens of Bay Area startup accelerators, where entrepreneurs guzzle free coffee and work feverishly on products they hope will change the world, StartOut Growth Lab stands out, thanks to one unusual statistic.

Each of the seven startups under its roof has a gay founder.

StartOut Growth Lab is one of several new programs seeking to remedy Silicon Valley's lack of diversity by offering services and funding only to specific groups of under-represented founders, whether it's members of the LGBTQ community, Hispanics, African-Americans or women. These single-minded funds and accelerators are popping up as the tech industry's predominantly white male culture is increasingly under fire, prompting investors to scramble for innovative ways to be inclusive.

StartOut only accepts early stage companies with at least one LGBTQ founder — making it perhaps the first LGBTQ-focused startup accelerator, executive director Andres Wydler said. Palo Alto-based LEAP Global Partners, meanwhile, in August launched a $15 million fund to invest exclusively in Hispanic entrepreneurs in the U.S. and Mexico. Then there's SheEO — a women-only network where successful business-

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RESTORING ISLAND'S POWER

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Whitefish Energy Holdings employees work on power lines damaged by Puerto Rico hurricane.

Puerto Rico nixes disputed electric deal

Governor asked power company to cancel $300 million contract

By Steven Mufson and Arelis Hernandez
The Washington Post

The Puerto Rico electric power company on Sunday canceled a controversial $300 million contract it had signed with a small Montana-based company and tasked with a central role in repairing the territory's hurricane-ravaged electric grid.

Rosselló

"As a result of the information that has been revealed and the need to protect the public interest, as governor I am asking the power authority to cancel the Whitefish contract immediately," Gov. Ricardo Rosselló said in a Sunday morning news conference at La Fortaleza, the governor's mansion. He did not cite particular new information beyond what has been in the press.

The move came after Rosselló said the contract was a distraction and should be canceled after critics in the electric power industry, Congress

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Homeless family gets a fresh start

Charity group offers rent-free apartment, employment training

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SAN JOSE » Ricardo Lopez calls her the "miracle baby."

Born to homeless parents sleeping in a temporary church shelter, Serenity Michelle's future looked grim. The church shelter didn't allow babies, and her parents, Lopez and Bernadette Ortiz, feared the birth of their child would mean living on the streets again.

But their story, an example of the poverty that exists in the shadows of Silicon Valley, drew an immediate response from advocates and an outpouring of community support. On Monday, Lopez, Ortiz and Serenity Michelle — born Oct. 15 — will be moving into their own rent-free studio apartment in downtown San Jose.

"It's a safe place," said Lopez, 47, placing a pacifier in Serenity's mouth. "It's not like being on the streets. We'll have a little more privacy and a place we can start to call home."

It's been 12 years since Lopez had his own apartment. It's been five for Ortiz. He became homeless after leaving his job as

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Bernadette Ortiz and Ricardo Lopez were staying at a church shelter, but it didn't allow babies. Catholic Charities offered help after baby Serenity was born.

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